

storage and processing systems to facilitate new crop endeavors and assist new business development, to maintain and improve profitability for horticulture.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Corps of Engineers, MRT-Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW, Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Description of Request: I received \$2,201,000 for the Red River Chloride Control Project. The project is designed to control natural chloride brine emissions as three major source areas to improve water quality for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use. This funding will be used in area VI to implement structural measures to improve the quality of water in the Red River Basin in and above Lake Texoma. Area VI is located on the Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River in Harmon County, OK.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Energy, EERE—Biomass and Biorefinery System R&D.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I received \$285,450 for the Alternative Crops and Biofuel Production project. This funding will be used to further research the economic feasibility and logistics of processing agriculture commodities and animal fats into biofuel.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Beckham County Sheriff's Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 108 S. 3rd St, Sayre, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I received \$500,000 for the Western Oklahoma Law Enforcement Alliance. This request is to purchase and implement a wireless mobile data network in Beckham, Roger Mills, and Washita counties. It will provide for in car computers and other necessary hardware. This project fits within the core mission of the COPS program to acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies and develop and test innovative policing strategies.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Oklahoma State College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2801 North Main Street, Altus, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Requesting Entity: I received \$190,000 for Western Oklahoma State College for equipment upgrades in nursing skills labs and the radiologic technology labs at the college. This request is specifically for the following equipment; the METI Human Patient Simulator/METI Man, the Laredal SimMan, and the Kodak CR 500 system.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Requesting Entity: I received \$333,000 for equipment for Oklahoma State Electronic Health Information, Telemedicine, and Distance Learning Network. This request will be used to develop and operate a health information network that includes telemedicine/distance learning and electronic medical records system to improve access to health care for rural Oklahoma and other medically underserved people throughout the state.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Requesting Entity: I received \$285,000 for equipment for a Oklahoma State Mobile Clinic and Medical Response System. The request will be used to construct and operate a mobile health clinic system that improves access to health care in rural Oklahoma and for deployment in the case of a regional or national disaster requiring medical interventions.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Altus

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 East Commerce, Altus, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I received \$427,500 to extend this project from Park Lane to Veterans Drive, which is directly opposite the main entrance to Altus Air Force Base.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Woodward Industrial Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1006 Oklahoma Avenue, Woodward, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I received \$190,000 for the Woodward Community Campus to construct a campus style, multi-purpose conference center in Woodward, OK.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Piedmont

Address of Requesting Entity: 314 Edmond Rd. NW, Piedmont, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I received \$95,000 for the development of Piedmont's comprehensive Community development planning process.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Redlands Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1300 S. Country Club Road, El Reno, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I received \$95,000 for the Darlington Conference Center and Royse Ranch. The request is for renovation, remodeling, and new construction projects at the Darlington Center. It is my understanding that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have provided \$270,000 and will provide a match.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jefferson County Sheriff's Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 2200 8th Ave North, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 to continue the Records Management Systems upgrade for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. The upgrade will update equipment in patrol cars so that they have the ability to remotely access criminal and vice databases, quickly check criminal records and outstanding warrants and submit reports from remote locations. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$250,000 will go toward the final completion of Records Managements System (RMS) and JMS system which includes the purchase of remaining software licenses as needed and training on the new system, \$100,000 toward criminal and vice case management software modules, and \$150,000 toward remaining Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) units for patrol cars. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grants account. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Law Enforcement Technology Upgrades

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Leeds

Address of Requesting Entity: 3873 First Ave, Leeds, AL 35094

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 to update the communication technology within the police department in Leeds, Alabama. The

funding will go toward the acquisition of the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and electronic Records Management Systems (RMS) software; installation, management and training necessary to start the program; and 1-year support for CAD, Application Management System (AMS), and Dispatch Map Interface as well as RMS fees and licenses. The project's total budget is \$102,516. Specifically within the budget, \$49,800 for CAD software, \$21,232 for RMS software, \$11,226 for CAD installation, training and management, \$7,108 for RMS installation, training and management, \$9,450 for CAD 1-year support, and \$3,700 for RMS 1-year support. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services Law Enforcement Technology Upgrades account. The City of Leeds will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Funds

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jefferson County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 716 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd North, Suite 220, Birmingham AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$300,000 for communication equipment for the Combined E-911 Communications Center to be constructed in Jefferson County. The Combined E-911 Communications Center will be a shared facility housing both 9-1-1/dispatch and emergency management operations and will provide both functions with state of the art communications equipment and infrastructures, as well as improve the opportunities for inter-jurisdictional cooperation and coordination. The Jefferson County Combined E-911 Communications Center will serve over 16 municipalities throughout Jefferson County with others joining once the center is operational. The Center will handle over 2.5 million emergency and non-emergency calls annually by a combined staff of 250 emergency communications and emergency management personnel located in the same facility. The provided funding will go toward the purchase of communication equipment. The project's total budget is \$23.45 million. Specifically within the budget, \$750,000 for land acquisition provided by the county, \$2.45 million for design and engineering costs, \$12.25 million for construction of the center, and \$8.0 million for communications equipment and training. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Funds account. The Jefferson County Commission will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jefferson State Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 4600 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, AL 35242

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 for campus safety improvements to all five

campuses within the Jefferson State Community College system. The funding will go toward a video surveillance network coupled with a central monitoring station that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$250,000 will go toward equipment and the other \$250,000 is for personnel and consulting for the monitoring and surveillance system. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Funds account. Jefferson State Community College will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and Tribal Grant Program (STAG) Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 165 5th Ave, Suite 100, Asheville, AL 35953

Description of Request: Provide \$224,000 to extend water service to an area of St. Clair County known as Baker Mountain Road. The project's total budget is \$406,200. Specifically within the budget, \$348,000 will go toward equipment and construction, \$28,600 for engineering, and \$29,600 would go toward observation, permits, surveying, and other fees. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account. The St. Clair County Commission will meet or exceed the 45% non-federal requirements for matching funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama State Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 250 North Water Street, Suite 300, Mobile, AL 36602

Description of Request: Provide \$4.785 million to construct the Mobile Harbor Turning Basin project. The total project cost estimate stands at \$21,400,000. Approximately, \$10,000 [or .0004%] is for land; \$25,000 [or .0011%] for aids to navigation; \$25,000 [or .0011%] for removal of existing concrete debris; \$850,000 [or .0397%] for mobilization, preparation and demobilization of a 26 CY Bucket Dredge; \$900,000 [or .0420%] for mobilization, preparation and demobilization of a 30 inch Pipeline Dredge; \$14,437,000 [or .67%] for the removal of and placement in designated dredge disposal areas approx. 2,699,232 cubic yards of dredged material; \$1,140,000 [or .0532%] of planning, engineering and design work; \$520,000 [or .0242%] for construction management; \$2,690,000 [or .1257%] in project construction contingency; and \$820,000 [or .0383%] in project escalation. The Army Corps of Engineers The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted an Environmental Assessment in accordance with Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Im-

plementing Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Pts. 1500-1508) resulting in a FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI). Construction of the authorized turning basin has been evaluated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Corps General Reevaluation Report (GRR) to alleviate harbor delays and improve safety conditions, and reflects a benefit-to-cost ratio of 3.46 to 1. This project is permitted. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General Construction account and is intended and authorized by Congress in the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (PL 99-662 Ninety-ninth Congress, Second Session). This is the last year funding will be needed to complete the construction of the Mobile Harbor Turning Basin. The Alabama State Port Authority is the federally designated local sponsor for the Port of Mobile Harbor and will provide the 25% cost share for the Mobile Harbor Turning Basin project. The Alabama State Port Authority's 25% cost share funding is secured.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Fish and Wildlife Service

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 5087, Fort McClellan, AL 36205.

Description of Request: Provide \$300,000 to fund construction of a new visitors' center in the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge. The funding will go toward site selection, soil testing, engineering, architectural plans, and environmental site assessment. This project's budget is \$1.3 million and will be used to construct an L-shaped building with 7700 square feet including about 8 office spaces approximately 12'x13', a 14 person conference room, a 1000 sq foot auditorium, an exhibit hall, and various utility rooms. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Rose Administration Building, Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0117

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 to help establish entrepreneurial research centers in nine additional rural Alabama counties and to augment the resources of existing centers through the Alabama Entrepreneurial Research Network (AERN). The total project budget is \$675,000. The AERN provides an entrepreneurial toolkit that includes computers and peripheral equipment, business software, and other business research resources. Chambers of commerce, industrial development agencies, or other nonprofit organizations, whose mission includes business development in very rural, low income portions of Alabama, house the centers. These resources allow persons and local agencies to develop and expand businesses. This project will expand the network to additional counties and will upgrade and enhance the resources available to the existing partners. The AERN vision

is to create a decentralized technology and resources network and bring cutting edge entrepreneurial computing tools and training directly to underserved, low income, rural communities in Alabama. Within the first year of the project, \$120,000 is for staff salaries, \$30,000 is for benefits, and \$200,000 is for supplies and services. In the second and third years of the project, \$120,000 is for staff salaries, \$30,000 is for benefits, and \$175,000 is for supplies and services. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Small Business Administration. The University of Alabama will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities and Services Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Harpersville

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 370, Harpersville, AL 35078

Description of Request: Provide \$190,000 for the construction of a community and senior center in Harpersville, AL. This project's total budget is \$200,000. Specifically within the budget, \$50,000 will go toward Engineering and Design, \$25,000 toward the Environmental Assessment, \$30,000 toward Site Preparation, \$75,000 toward Construction, and \$20,000 toward Geotechnical Investigations. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities and Services Account. The Town of Harpersville will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mitchell's Place, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4778 Overton Road, Birmingham, AL 35210

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 to support expansion of the Mitchell's Place program. Mitchell's Place is a comprehensive center for children with autism. The Early Learning Program at Mitchell's Place is for children between the ages of two to six. The staff at Mitchell's Place consists of four Masters Level lead teachers, one Educational Director and nine special education graduate assistants. The student teacher ratio is 3 to 1 which gives each child the opportunity to learn and grow so they will be ready to start kindergarten. Each child also receives Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy as part of the program. This funding will enable Mitchell's Place to expand the program and bring in more of the 35 children we currently have waiting to enter our program. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education Account. Mitchell's Place will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Historic Ironworks Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 12632 Confederate Parkway, McCalla, AL 35111

Description of Request: Provide \$142,500 to construct a welcome center at the Brierfield Ironworks State Park. Currently the park has no visitors/welcome center where information can be easily disseminated to visitors. At present that function is being done in the country store, a site that is not really suited to welcoming area visitors in a historical and educational setting. This proposed educational visitors/welcome center will house a reception area, a display area telling the story of the ironworks and its relationship with the community during the mid and late 19th century, restroom facilities and a park office. The center will be located near the primary entrance to the park so that all visitors will be able to readily take advantage of the area upon their arrival at the park. The budget for the project is \$295,000. Specifically within the budget, \$20,000 will go toward site preparation, \$10,000 toward the design and plans, and \$265,000 toward building construction. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account. The Alabama Historic Ironworks Commission will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Transportation, Buses and Bus Facilities Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1535 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35202

Description of Request: Provide \$1,425,000 to acquire new and replacement buses and vans to expand service for the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority. This project's total budget is \$33,800,000, which includes the acquisition of 100 replacement buses and 30 paratransit vans. This project will provide more reliable transit services in the Birmingham metropolitan area, including expanded service in the city center and urban core. This request will also assist with the ongoing need to replace buses for the BJCTA Fleet Replacement Plan. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation, Buses and Bus Facilities Account. The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Clay

Address of Requesting Entity: 6757 Old Springville Road, Pinson, AL 35126

Description of Request: Provide \$118,750 for necessary amenities for Cosby Lake Park. The City of Clay recently purchased Cosby Lake in the City for use as a public park. Walking trails, lighting, landscaping, a pavilion,

parking and other amenities are necessary to make it useful for the public. The budget for the project is \$150,000, all of which will go towards engineering and development. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account. The City of Clay will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Northport

Address of Requesting Entity: 3500 McFarland Blvd., P.O. Box 569, Northport, AL 35476

Description of Request: Provide \$95,000 to help revitalize downtown Northport. The purpose of this project is to upgrade existing infrastructure and install new infrastructure to support and encourage economic development and housing in downtown Northport. Infrastructure improvements may include but are not limited to: sewer, water, street improvements, drainage, pedestrian access and parking. The total budget for the project is \$2,516,000. Specifically within the budget, \$1,716,032 will go toward general construction and supplies, \$163,000 toward engineering design, \$129,000 toward construction engineering and inspection, \$257,400 toward contingencies, and \$250,000 toward moving overhead power to underground. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account. The City of Northport will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 165 5th Avenue, Suite 100 Ashville, AL 35953

Description of Request: Provide \$475,000 for construction of an access road to the Pell City Medical Campus. When completed, this road will provide access to a medical and educational campus that will become an economic catalyst for the region and will provide improved health care for constituents of St. Clair County and surrounding areas. This roadway will also create a connector road from Highway 231 to Wolf Creek Road. This new road will help alleviate congestion on Highway 231 and allow more access to the underdeveloped Wolf Creek Road. The project's total budget is \$795,000. Specifically within the budget, \$430,000 will go toward grading, draining, and basing, \$292,000 toward paving, striping, and traffic control markers, and \$73,000 toward engineering and inspection. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account. The St. Clair County Commission will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus
 Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby County Arts Council
 Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 624, Columbiana, AL 35051

Description of Request: Provide \$95,000 to develop architectural plans for the construction of a performing arts facility in Columbiana, AL. The proposed 25,000-square-foot Arts Center will be a community arts education and performance facility. It will be located on approximately one acre of a seven-acre site on the corner of West College Street and Mill Street just one block from the revitalized downtown main street of Columbiana. This Center will provide multiple spaces for performance, education and exhibits and both indoor and outdoor gathering and event venues. These spaces will be open to the public as well as available for private income earning events for the Arts Center. The funding will be used to pay architectural fees associated with drawings for a new performing arts and education center located in Columbiana, Alabama. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account. The Shelby County Arts Council will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus
 Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grants
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Calera

Address of Requesting Entity: 10947 Highway 25, Calera, Alabama 35040

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 for technology upgrades, improvements and add-ons for the Calera Police Department. As the population of Calera continues to grow, these technological advances will aid in providing more effective police protection. The department will be able to better utilize its officers in the field, reduce error in reporting, verify information in a more timely fashion, identify misbehavior by officers and citizens, and become as well equipped as other police forces around the nation who cover similar sized jurisdictions. The project's total budget is \$499,600. Specifically within the budget, \$162,000 will go toward Tough Book in-car MDTs, \$16,200 toward in-car computer mounts, \$13,500 toward e-ticket stripe readers, \$10,800 toward thermal mobile printers, \$4,500 toward printer mounts, \$30,000 toward radio comm voter towers, \$30,000 toward wireless radio voter transmitters, \$162,000 toward in-car digital video cameras, \$21,600 officer safety mini cams, \$4,000 toward dispatch wireless head sets, \$6,000 toward investigator surveillance cameras, \$10,000 toward a jail camera system, \$14,000 toward desk top computers, and \$15,000 toward mobile radios. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purposed of the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grants. The City of Calera will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus
 Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Cross Agency Support Account
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McWane Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 19th Street, North, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$400,000 to advance science, technology, engineering and math education initiatives for McWane Science Center. The main objectives are to expand educational opportunities for students in these areas and to serve as a quality teacher training facility that will focus on inquiry-based education in the classroom. The center's desire is to specifically target schools that do not have the resources to provide these programs on their own. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$80,000 will go toward staff salaries/benefits, \$100,000 toward teacher trainings/workshops—2,000 teachers, \$150,000 toward Access—free educational field trips—15,000 students, \$50,000 toward Outreach—200 classroom education programs, \$75,000 toward Celebrate Science—statewide science fair, and \$45,000 toward equipment and supplies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Cross Agency Support Account. The McWane Science Center will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, as a Member of the Appropriations Committee, my highest priority is cutting wasteful government spending and balancing the budget. That is why I rejected over \$338 million in project requests that were brought to my office. My answer for spending requests is always "no" unless the project is cost effective and serves a legitimate government purpose. I wholly support medical and scientific research, reducing congestion and travel time, and critical flood control projects. Those priorities are reflected in the projects that I support.

Each Member should be held accountable for the project requests they submit. Since becoming a Member of the Appropriations Committee, I have held myself accountable by posting my project request letters on my congressional website at www.culberson.house.gov. Additionally, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding projects I secured as part of H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill: Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition

Address of Requesting Entity: 4141 Pinnacle Street #213, El Paso, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$4,500,000 to the Texas Border Sheriff Coalition to pay for overtime, hire additional deputies, and purchase equipment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program account. This project supports Operation Linebacker, an initiative by the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition to stop drug and human trafficking along the U.S.-Mexico border. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Healthcare System

Address of Requesting Entity: 9401 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$300,000 to the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System to purchase interoperable communications equipment for the Life Flight Operations Center, the premier air ambulance service in the country serving a 150 mile radius around Houston, TX. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program account. This projects will enable state-of-the art dispatching, flight and weather monitoring, and data collection to enhance patient care and save lives. Memorial Hermann has already allocated \$39.25 million in nonfederal money for this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 2450 Holcombe Boulevard Suite 1, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 to purchase emergency communications equipment for the Emergency Communications and Mobility Center which serves as a coordinator for police and security information, emergency preparedness, emergency communications, emergency logistical support, and traffic mobility for the 46 member institutions of the Texas Medical Center. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program account. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$1,000,000 for the Houston interoperability initiative, to purchase communications equipment so the City's first responders, bomb